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FOREIGN TRAINING TO OFFICERS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government selects/sponsors/nominates/deputes officers for training to the reputed foreign institutions for improving their academic, managerial, technical and administrative capabilities in various fields and disciplines where in some cases cost of such training are borne by the sponsoring countries/agencies under bilateral/international agreements;

(b) if so, the number of persons from Power Ministry who underwent such short/long term training courses during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the number of SCs, STs and OBCs among them and their percentage;

(d) the `special provisions` made for ensuring adequate representation to SCs, STs and OBCs for availing such opportunities as provided under Article 46 of the Constitution in the absence of which historical educational handicaps suffered by them as well as deep rooted social prejudices prevailing against them may deprive them of their due share in such opportunities; and

(e) if not, the reasons for ignoring the said constitutional Directives?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (e) : Officers in the Power Sector are deputed to various foreign countries forenhancing their technical capability in various specialized fields of power development from time to time under various country aided, bilateral and project related training programmes. The officers holding posts under Central Staffing Scheme, belonging to afew specific services/categories such as IAS, CSS, State Civil Services and such officersof the other two All India Services and Group `A` Central Services are also nominatedfor various training programme abroad under Indo-Australian Training and CapacityBuilding Project, technical cooperation of Government of Japan and France.

While making nominations of officers for the training programmes abroad, it is endeavoured to give adequate representation of SC/STs and OBCs Officers subject toavailability of applications/nominations from such categories, fulfillment of prescribed eligibility criteria, suitability of training programme, co-relation between training and the nature of work handled by the officers, etc.

Information on the number of persons from Power Ministry whounderwent such short/long term training courses during the last three years, year-wise, and the number of SC/STs and OBCs among them with their percentage is beingcollected and will be laid on the Table of the House.